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Title: A silicon wafer-bonding technology for microfabricated shear- stress sensors with backside contacts

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Abstract: Measurement of shear stress is of great importance for polymer extrusion process control, and for turbulent boundary layer modeling and control for wind tunnel research. This paper describes wall-mounted sensors for both the direct and indirect measurement of shear stress. Floating-element sensors (L=140-500 mu m, W=120-500 mu m, and T=5 mu m) and hot-wire anemometers (L=65-650 mu m, W=5 mu m, T=5 mu m) were successfully microfabricated using silicon wafer bonding and etch-back technology. A new fabrication scheme has been developed to allow contact of the devices from the back side of the chip by implementing through-wafer vias. This was done to facilitate the packaging of these wall-mounted devices. (21 Refs)

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Descriptors: anemometers; etching; flowmeters; **micromachining**; microsensors; **semiconductor** device packaging; shear turbulence; silicon; stress measurement; **wafer** bonding

Identifiers: wafer-bonding technology; microfabricated shear-stress sensors; backside contacts; shear stress measurement; polymer extrusion process control; turbulent boundary layer modeling; wind tunnel research; wall-mounted sensors; direct measurement; indirect measurement; floating-element sensors; hot-wire anemometers; etch-back technology; through-wafer vias; packaging; piezoresistive readout; turbulence measurement; suspended microstructure; anisotropic etching; 140 to 500 micron; 120 to 500 micron; 5 micron; 65 to 650 micron; Si Class Codes: A4780 (Instrumentation for fluid dynamics); A8160C (Surface treatment and degradation of semiconductors); A0630M (Measurement of mechanical variables); A0670D (Sensing and detecting devices); B7230 (Sensing devices and transducers); B7320W (Level, flow and volume measurement); B2575 (Micromechanical device technology); B2550E (Surface treatment for semiconductor devices); B7320G (Mechanical variables measurement)

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Abstract: The authors review current techniques used to fabricate low dimensional quantum structures for optoelectronic applications. Work has included the fabrication of quantum wire structures using molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) growth of tilted superlattices on vicinal substrates, observation and modeling of self-ordering effects that occur during this process, extension to antimony-containing III-V compounds, and quantum wire formation in 'serpentine superlattices'. In addition, the authors discuss results obtained using focused ion beam implantation techniques to 'write' quantum wires and boxes. Direct growth by both MBE and metal-organic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD) on lithographically patterned substrates, presently underway at Bellcore, are also described, along with the electron-beam patterning and MOCVD regrowth of phosphide-based quantum wire and box configurations carried out at the Tokyo Institute of Technology. Application of these various fabrication techniques to semiconductor lasers and high-speed photodetectors are discussed. (36 Refs)

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05696929 JICST Accession Number: 04A0121565 File Segment: JICST-E Optimal Thermal Design of Micro Hot-film Wall Shear Stress Sensor.

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Abstract: A series of numerical analyses of the unsteady conjugate heat transfer around a micro hot-film sensor are made in order to improve its response in the wall shear stress measurement. It is found that the frequency response of an ideal sensor is limited even in the absence of the heat conduction loss to the substrate. Heat conduction in the fluid in the upstream direction and by-pass convective heat transfer from the diaphragm are two major mechanisms of deteriorating the sensor response. Fabrication of a pair of slits adjacent to the hot-film results in considerable reduction of the tangential heat conduction in the diaphragm. A new shear stress sensor is designed based on the present numerical simulation and fabricated with the aid of the microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) technology. Through the performance test in a fully-developed turbulent channel flow, it is demonstrated that the frequency response of the sensor is much improved compared with that of the our previous sensor. (author abst.) Descriptors: micromachine; sensor; shearing stress; optimum design; heat characteristic; trial manufacture; heat transfer; thermal analysis; dynamic characteristic; performance evaluation; surface of wall; insulation structure; wind tunnel test; two dimension; numerical analysis; micromachining; diaphragm(machine element); mechatronics; etching; platinum; turbulent flow; thin film; ceramic coating

Identifiers: hot film sensor; deposition of thin film

Broader Descriptors: machinery; instrumentation element; stress(mechanics); design; characteristic; action and behavior; heat transmission; analysis(separation); analysis; evaluation; face; structure; test; dimension; numerical calculation; calculation; fine patterning; working and processing; machine element; technology; surface treatment; treatment; platinum group metal; transition metal; metallic element; element; disturbance; turbulence; fluid flow; membrane and film; covering

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Interface Properties of MEMS Sensors on Airfoil

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Abstract:

One of the primary goals of wind tunnel groups at NASA Langley Research Center is to reduce wind tunnel cycle time and cost while improving data quality collected during the tests. The objective of the Advanced Model Instrumentation Technology (AMIT) program is to develop a prototype in-model instrumentation system that can be retrofitted into existing models or integrated in new models at the time of their design. The program has three major components: 1) Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS) sensors (shear stress, pressure, temperature and Angle of attack). 2) In-model electronics (Data acquisition systems and signal conditioning). 3) Data transfer capabilities (Fiber optic or telemetry). MEMS sensors are micron- to-millimeter scale devices with moving parts or containing fluids, fabricated using semiconductor technologies and often directly connected or integrated with ICs. MEMS Sensor Design covers three areas: 1) Layout and process of the sensor itself. 2) Circuitry for interfacing the system with the sensor. 3) The package that will fit the MEMS sensor into an application. The purpose of this study is to characterize the mechanical interface of MEMS sensors mounted on the surface of the model and test the packaging design under simulated conditions (normal stress, vibration, etc...). The study included two types of MEMS sensors, namely pressure sensors and shear stress sensors. A measurement system was developed for characterizing the sensors under normal strain and at different temperatures. Each sensor was mounted on a specially designed cantilever beam that has a maximum strain of 1000 micro in/in. The output voltage of the MEMS pressure sensor was measured as a function of applied static pressure and the strain on the beam (at different temperatures). The resistance of four different resistors on the shear stress sensor was measured as a function of the strain on the beam (also at different temperatures). The resistance of four different resistors on the shear stress sensor was measured as a function of the strain on the beam (also at different temperatures). Results of the experiment show that change in the output voltage of the pressure sensor due to strain is less than 80 microvolt and is less than 0.1% of FSO. One can conclude that the strain on the beam has minimal effect on the output of the pressure sensor. Resistance values of the shear stress sensor' resistors increase with the increase in strain. More measurements need to be done to further characterize the relationship between shear stress sensor output and strain on the airfoil. Future studies also may include the effect of pressure and temperature on shear stress sensors.

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Fabrication of vacuum microstructure by etching epitaxial layer of silicon substrate having silicon on insulator (SOI) structure, encapsulating structures in vacuum, etching to open electrode structures and forming metal electrode

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Abstract (Basic): US 6225145 B1

NOVELTY - A vacuum microstructure is fabricated by totally etching an epitaxial layer of a silicon substrate having a silicon on insulator (SOI) structure, encapsulating formed electrode and **floating** vibratory structures with a vacuum sealing substrate, etching the silicon substrate from the back side to open the electrode structures and forming a metal electrode.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - Fabrication of a vacuum microstructure involves:

- (a) totally etching an epitaxial layer of a silicon substrate (13) having an SOI structure comprising an upper silicon epitaxial layer (11), an interlevel insulating layer (12) and a lower silicon bulk layer (17) to form two electrode structures and a **floating** vibratory structure and encapsulating them with a vacuum sealing substrate (16) in a vacuum; and
- (b) etching the silicon substrate having the SOI structure from the back side to the interlevel insulating layer to open the electrode structures and forming a metal electrode (19).

USE - Used for fabricating a vacuum microstructure used for elements, e.g. elements of **microelectromechanical** system, operating in vacuum.

ADVANTAGE - Eliminates a process for mounting angular velocity sensors one by one by on the sensor chip in a vacuum after wafer process. The sensor structure uses a flip bonding metal ball to the slanting contact window structure in the step of electrical wiring with another chip or substrate so improving the performance of the device.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows a cross-section of the vacuum microstructure.

Silicon epitaxial layer (11) Interlevel insulating layer (12) Silicon substrate (13) Vacuum sealing substrate (16) Lower silicon bulk layer (17) Metal electrode (19) pp; 9 DwgNo 2M/2

Technology Focus:

TECHNOLOGY FOCUS - ELECTRONICS - Preferred Device: In use, the metal electrode of the fabricated vacuum microstructure is electrically connected to an integrated circuit chip or an external substrate for connection with external circuits via a bonding metal wire. Preferably the metal electrode is electrically connected to an external substrate via a flip chip bonding metal ball.

Step (a) includes:

- (a1) etching the epitaxial layer by using a first oxide layer at both ends of the epitaxial layer of the SOI structure as a mask and removing the oxide layer to form a vacuum sealing projection;
- (a2) forming a second oxide layer on the whole surface of the result of the step (a), defining a pattern of comb-like electrode and vibratory structures by lithography, and etching the lower silicon bulk layer by lithography to align the patterns with an electrode to be formed on the epitaxial layer to form an imprinting pattern;
- (a3) vertically etching the epitaxial layer by plasma technology using the second oxide layer as a mask; and
- (a4) removing the interlevel insulating layer used as a scarifying layer underlying the vibratory structure to form the floating vibratory structure and bonding with the vacuum sealing substrate hermetically.

Step (b) includes:

- (b1) depositing a silicon nitride layer underlying the lower silicon bulk layer to open a contact window for bonding the electrode structures, and etching the contact window region by lithography;
- (b2) etching down to the interlevel insulating layer underlying the electrode structures by using the remaining silicon nitride layer as a mask to open the electrode structures;
- (b3) depositing a third oxide layer for insulation between the opened electrode structures and the external substrate; and
- (b4) etching the third oxide layer by lithography to open the electrode structures again and forming an aluminum metal electrode Title Terms: FABRICATE; VACUUM; MICROSTRUCTURE; ETCH; EPITAXIAL; LAYER; SILICON; SUBSTRATE; SILICON; INSULATE; SOI; STRUCTURE; ENCAPSULATE; STRUCTURE; VACUUM; ETCH; OPEN; ELECTRODE; STRUCTURE; FORMING; METAL;

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Hermetically sealed micro-machined

electromechanical device e.g. actuator has internal seal device patterned in silicon layer, joined to internal surface of cover plate in sealing arrangement with pass-through window of plate

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NOVELTY - An internal seal device patterned in silicon layer, is joined to internal surface of a **cover** plate in a sealing arrangement with a pass-through **window** of plate. An internal electrical conductor (120) is arranged between **micro**-**machined** electromechanical device (100) and seal device. An external electrical conductor is arranged in electrical connection with external surface area of seal device exposed in **window**.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for the method of manufacturing hermetically sealed **micromachined** electromechanical system device.

USE - E.g. micro-mechanical filter, pressure sensor, gyroscope, resonator, actuator, rate sensor, vibrating beam acceleration sensor, capacitive acceleration sensor and accelerometer.

ADVANTAGE - Prevents particulate and vapor contaminates from entering the device during the freezing and rinsing away the unnecessary portions of the silicon substrate.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows a plan view of the hermetically sealed MEMS device.

MEMS device (100)
pillar (102)
inner surface of top cover plate (106)
bottom cover plate (110)

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Micro-machining technique for producing component with suspended element - includes use of two layers with one layer etched by selective gas etching process to define suspended finger which is able to vibrate or move w.r.t. component assembly

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The method for producing a suspended element (7) by

micro-machining includes use of an etching technique. The assembly includes a substrate (1) successively covered with a first blocking layer (2) of first material and second layer (3) of a second material in which the suspended element (7) is shaped. The method uses dry etching with a gas whose selectivity enables the etching of the second layer (3) without affecting the blocking layer (2).

The etching is achieved under conditions established for anisotropic etching of the second material, the etching being carried out in a first phase for delimiting the **suspended** element (7) up to the level of the blocking layer (2). A second phase includes release of the **suspended** element (7) by etching the superficial layer of the **suspended** element delimited during the first phase, adjacent to the blocking layer.

USE - Enables production of **suspended** component within **micro-machined** component for use in accelerometer, **pressure sensors** or micro-actuators.

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